Freelancer Membership Programs

Upwork offers several Freelancer membership programs. If you are an individual and will be the only person associated with your Account, you may register as an individual Member or a company Member, free or paid. If your organization consists of more than one person, or if your service is operated or delivered by more than one person, you must register as a business Member, free or paid, and must not register as an individual Member.

Each membership program includes a certain number of “Connects,” which reserve monthly capacity for you to submit proposals for Engagements. If you are a paid Member, you have the right to purchase additional Connects at any time, subject to a cap determined by your membership program and other criteria. Connects you do not use by the end of the month do not carry over into the next month, with the exception of paid memberships, which can rollover up to two times the monthly allotment of Connects. The conditions under which unused Connects will rollover into the next month may vary from time to time and will depend on your membership program.

Upwork reserves the right to change membership fees, change the monthly number of Connects included in the membership programs, change the price for additional Connects or institute new fees at any time, upon reasonable notice posted in advance on this Site. No refunds of fees already paid will be given. If Upwork exercises its right to cancel a membership at any time, Upwork will not refund the membership fee already paid.

Automatic Membership Renewal

You must pay your Upwork membership fees through your Upwork Escrow Account. The membership billing period begins on the date that Upwork receives payment. Upwork membership fees are calculated from the beginning of that billing period. Upwork automatically renews your Upwork monthly membership, and you irrevocably authorize and instruct Elance Escrow Corporation to make the required monthly payments to Upwork on your behalf as described in the User Agreement. Automatic renewal occurs on the first day after the expiration date.

Changes to Membership Program

If you change your membership program, the new program and, new billing period will then be based upon the date Upwork receives payment of the new membership fee. If you upgrade a membership, it will result in a new billing date effective upon the date of payment of the additional fees and, if applicable, will result in a credit of the unused portion of the existing category membership fees. If you downgrade a membership, you will not receive a refund or credit for the fees already paid. The downgrade will go into effect at the beginning of the next billing period. Upwork reserves the right to modify its membership programs at any time, upon a reasonable notice posted in advance on this Site.

For more information on upgrading, downgrading or canceling your membership, check the Site or contact Customer Support.

Contacting Us

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Customer Support at https://support.upwork.com.